

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Will the Government be pleased to communicate to the railway authorities that they should inform this Government before any repairs are undertaken by them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): Yes.

ROAD TO TRICHUR RAILWAY STATION—NORTHERN SIDE—IMPROVEMENTS TO

118. Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government is aware that the road leading to the Trichur Railway Station on the northern side (curve in the railway station compound) is too steep and causes great hardship to rickshaw-vallahs; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to make that curve less steep?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) the gradient of the road is 1 in 12.5 and causes some hardship for pulling rickshaws over it.

(b) the road is within Railway limits. The matter will however, be taken up with the Railway authorities.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): It is sufficient if the Government have realised the importance of the question. Personally I myself have very often felt when the riksha-valas pull their load along that steep road that it is better to get down and walk rather than asking these people to take me up that steep incline. If the Government realise this fact and try to make it all right, then I am satisfied.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): Is there not an alternative route from the south?

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): People always come more from the north than from the south. That road is perhaps worse than this.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): May I know whether this Government will have to spend anything to make a change in the alignment of that road by the railway authorities?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): It will come under Railway revenue expenditure.

SIDE WALLS ON THE KUTHIRAN ROAD—RAISING OF

119. Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it will be pleased to raise the side walls on

the Kuthiran Road as a protection to vehicular traffic along that road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The work of raising the side walls wherever necessary will be attended to soon.

**BACK-WATER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COCHIN
AND TRICHUR—IMPROVEMENTS TO**

120. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan (*Commerce and Industry*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether any steps have been taken to improve the back-water communication between Cochin and Trichur;
- (b) if the reply is in the affirmative, what all improvements have been effected;
- (c) if the reply is in the negative, whether the Government intend to improve this canal so as to make it navigable for boats throughout the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

- (a), (b) and (c) It has not been possible to take up the improvement of the navigation channels in the *kole* fields leading to Trichur as improvements to them are only possible after an external source of water for irrigation of the *kole* fields is secured. The question is being investigated.

**IRRIGATION FACILITIES—LANDS ADJACENT TO TRAVANCORE
STATE—ARRANGEMENT FOR TAKING WATER FROM
TRAVANCORE IRRIGATION WORKS**

121. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether they have received a petition on 16th Thulam 1115 from the people of Meloor Village, requesting the Irrigation Department to give necessary facilities for taking water to the paddy fields lying adjacent to the Travancore State from the *thode* constructed in Travancore from “ആഴാറക്കുളം പാണമ്പുഴ”;
- (b) have the Government started any negotiations with the Travancore Government in this matter;
- (c) is it not a fact that over 1,000 acres of paddy fields will be benefitted by this arrangement;